

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled)

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A mobile communication terminal device configured to perform encrypted communication with a communication system over a wireless connection, comprising:

a detection unit configured to establish a communication activation procedure with the communication system, and configured to detect a security level that is used during the communication activation procedure with the communication system;

an announcing unit configured to inform a user of the mobile communication terminal device about a strength of encryption of the detected security level from the communication activation procedure; and

a user interface operable by the user, configured to allow the user accept an incoming communication from the communication system, or is configured to allow the user to terminate the communication with the communication system, based on the detected security level;

a data security setting unit allowing the user to set and store a reference security level for the mobile communication terminal device; and

a comparison unit configured to compare the reference security level with the detected security level, and to either establish a communication with the communication system or accept an incoming communication from the communication system, if the reference security level is met,

wherein the announcing unit is further configured to inform the user during the communication that has been established by said comparison unit that an actual security level of the communication has dropped below the reference security level.

Claims 24-25 (Cancelled).

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The mobile communication terminal device according to Claim 23, further comprising:

a data security setting unit allowing the user to set and store a threshold security level for the mobile communication terminal device; and
a comparison unit configured to compare the threshold security level with the detected security level, and to deny a communication with the communication system, if the threshold security level is not met.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The mobile communication terminal device according to ~~Claim 25~~Claim 23,

wherein the announcing unit is further configured to request the user whether the communication should be established or terminated, if the reference security level is not met.

Claim 28 (Cancelled).

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The mobile communication terminal device according to Claim 23,

wherein said wireless connection includes a connection over more than one network to a base station, and

wherein the detection unit is further configured to detect a security level of an entire path from the mobile communication terminal device to the base station over the more than one network.

Claim 30-32 (Cancelled).

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A method of encrypted communication between a mobile communication terminal device and a communication system over a wireless connection, the method comprising:

establishing a communication activation procedure with the communication system by the terminal device;

detecting at the terminal device a security level that is used during the communication activation procedure with the communication system;

informing a user of the terminal device about a strength of encryption of the detected security level from the communication activation procedure; and

operating a user interface of the terminal device by a user to accept an incoming communication from the communication system, or to terminate the communication with the communication system, based on the detected security level;

setting and storing at the terminal device a reference security level for the terminal device;

comparing the reference security level with the detected security level at the terminal device;

establishing a communication with the communication system or accepting an incoming communication from the communication system, if the reference security level is met based on said comparing; and

informing the user of the terminal device during the communication that has been established by said step of establishing that an actual security level of the communication has dropped below the reference security level.

Claim 34-35 (Cancelled).

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The method of encrypted communication according to Claim 33, further comprising:

setting and storing at the terminal device a threshold security level for the mobile communication terminal device;

comparing the threshold security level with the detected security level at the terminal device; and

denying a communication with the communication system, if the threshold security level is not met based on said comparing.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): The method of encrypted communication according to ~~Claim 35~~Claim 33, further comprising:

requesting the user of the terminal device whether the communication should be established or terminated, if the reference security level is not met.

Claim 38 (Cancelled).

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The method of encrypted communication according to Claim 33, wherein said wireless connection includes a connection over more than one network to a base station, said method further comprising:

detecting a security level of an entire path from the terminal device to the base station over the more than one network.

Claim 40 (New): The mobile communication terminal device according to Claim 23, wherein the announcing unit is further configured to request the user whether the communication that has been established by said comparison unit should be terminated, after it has been determined that the actual security level of the communication has dropped below the reference security level.

Claim 41 (New): The method of encrypted communication according to Claim 33, further comprising:

requesting the user of the terminal device whether the communication that has been established by said step of establishing should be terminated, after said step of informing has informed the user that the actual security level of the communication has dropped below the reference security level.